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## Viewing cable 08TASHKENT1072, UZBEKISTAN: GULNORA KARIMOVA'S GENEVA U.N. \

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### Understanding cables

Every cable message consists of three parts:

- The top box shows each cables unique reference number, when and by whom it originally was sent, and what its initial classification was.
- The middle box contains the header information that is associated with the cable. It includes information about the receiver(s) as well as a general subject.
- The bottom box presents the body of the cable. The opening can contain a more specific subject, references to other cables ([browse by origin](#) to find them) or additional comment. This is followed by the main contents of the cable: a summary, a collection of specific topics and a comment section.

To understand the justification used for the classification of each cable, please use this [WikiSource](#) article as reference.

### Discussing cables

If you find meaningful or important information in a cable, please link directly to its unique reference number. Linking to a specific paragraph in the body of a cable is also possible by copying the appropriate link (to be found at the paragraph symbol). Please mark messages for social networking services like Twitter with the hash tags **#cablegate** and a hash containing the reference ID e.g. **#08TASHKENT1072**.

Reference ID	Created	Released	Classification	Origin
08TASHKENT1072	2008-09-18 08:53	2011-08-30 01:44	CONFIDENTIAL	Embassy Tashkent

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RHEHNSC/NSC WASHINGTON DC 0389  
RUEHVEN/USMISSION USOSCE 2791  
RUEAIIA/CIA WASHDC 0246  
RUCNDT/USMISSION USUN NEW YORK 0374  
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SUBJECT: UZBEKISTAN: GULNORA KARIMOVA'S GENEVA U.N. \

APPOINTMENT MAY REFLECT CONCERNS ABOUT THE FUTURE \

Classified By: Poloff Steven Prohaska for reasons 1.4 (b, d). \

1. (C) Embassy contacts and press reporting have recently \

indicated that President Karimov's oldest daughter, Gulnora \

Karimova, has been appointed as Uzbekistan's permanent \

representative to the United Nations Mission in Geneva, \

though the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Americas Desk had not \

confirmed this information to us as of September 18. \

Karimova has served as Deputy Foreign Minister for \

International Cooperation in the Cultural and Humanitarian \

Spheres in recent months. On September 9, XXXXXXXXXXXX confirmed to Ambassador Norland that \

Gulnora and her two children recently received visas allowing \

them to move to Geneva, where she will assume duties as \

permrep at Uzbekistan's UN Mission. XXXXXXXXXXXX \

indicated that the request for the visas had come through \

very suddenly and with pressure for a fast turnaround. XXXXXXXXXXXX \

did not know whether Gulnora had yet departed Uzbekistan. \

The private teacher of Gulnora's son told Poloff on September \

9, however, that he and his wife had just returned from \

London for the new academic year, but had yet to start \

teaching because both Gulnora and her son were in \

Switzerland. The teacher was uncertain whether he would \

remain in Tashkent or would be asked to join them in \

Switzerland. \

Comment: \

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2. (C) Karimova's new position as Uzbek permrep to the UN in \

Geneva puts her much closer to the Switzerland-based Zeromax \

corporation, which provides much of the Karimov family's \

wealth, but probably does little to enhance her political \

standing at home. Despite speculation over the years that \

President Karimov may be grooming Gulnora to succeed him, the \

decision to send Karimova to Geneva may reflect a desire to \

secure the family's finances and enhance its prospects for \

future safety and security if conditions in Uzbekistan turn \

against the Karimov family, rather than to provide her with \

another stepping stone in her political career. Karimova has \

given little indication of her long-term political plans, but \

the Karimov family has made many enemies; the fear and \

loathing that many alienated businessmen in Uzbekistan have \

for her suggests that her life in a post-Karimov Uzbekistan \

would be less than secure. It is interesting to note now \  
that both Karimov daughters hold diplomatic postings outside \  
of Uzbekistan--Gulnora in Geneva, and Lola at UNESCO in Paris. \  
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